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DAYTONA is situated upon the west bank of the Halifax River at its widest expanse and midway between its source at Bogue Bay and its outlet at Mosquito Inlet. It is in latitude 29° 30' north and one mile from the Atlantic ocean, and is acknowledged to be without a rival for beauty among the villages of the South. Its site is upon what is known as high hammock land that was crowned by nature with a most royal growth of majestic forest trees, and among these trees is the town of today, with its beautiful cottages and well-graded walks and streets. The result is that all along the wide avenues that intersect the town are lovely live oaks and hickories, many of them draped with graceful festoons of the gray Spanish moss, that overarch the street and walks, and among these are interspersed tall tropical palm trees, glossy leaved magnolias, fragrant bay and coral-berried holly, and many other varieties, while in many places the wild grape, the trumpet vine and the amorphoea climb and cling along the branches forming shady bowers and adding grace and beauty.

The town lies parallel with the Halifax River, and extends for nearly two miles along the shore. This river is the delight of the angler and the sportsman and forms one of the town's greatest attractions. The main avenues that run parallel with or intersect the river are all 100 feet wide, except Beach street, which is about sixty feet wide, but has a half-mile of open, beautiful water abutting upon its eastern side, where the salt waves ebb and flow and along and across which comes the cooling, invigorating and health giving breezes from off the wide Atlantic. A high temper and render the Halifax climate one of the most perfect in the world. Daytona has many miles of well-graded, macadamized and shell roads and streets, rendering it the

Wheelman's Paradise
and added to these, but a mile away, are thirty miles of smooth, hard beach, that affords an unparalleled course for long-distance cycling and driving or automobile racing. No town of equal size, North or South, numbers so many wheelmen, and cycling is a favorite pastime with the tourists summer and winter.

The Beautiful Cottages
that have been erected during the past years and are being built are rendering Daytona as famous for its fine homes as for its beautiful river, trees and avenues, and they are adding yearly to its attractions.

Not the least of these attractions to those securing homes in the South, and ranking second only to healthfulness and perfection of climate, is the fact that its population is chiefly composed of cultivated and intelligent people, accustomed to the refinements of home and social life. Added to these features are good churches, good hotels, laundry, meat markets, novelty works, an opera house, electric lights for street and home illumination, a good telephone system, ice factory, Lily Water Works, and hot and cold baths, etc., and everything else can be procured that is necessary to make life comfortable. An important feature in the healthfulness of this town is the

Water Supply
which is derived from numerous artesian wells, of which there are probably 300 in the corporate limits. This flow is secured by boring wells to the depth of from 80 to 120 feet, passing through several strata of rock, and this depth assures purity from all surface contamination. The water is slightly impregnated with magnesia and iron, and holds sulphur in the shape of gas, which soon passes away.

The Population of Daytona
proper is about 1,800. Added to this is a suburban population on main shore and peninsula of about 1,000 at Kingston, Blake, Old Seabreeze or

Goodall, Seabreeze and Silver Beach, which are properly a part of the town and population.

Daytona Beach
lies one mile west of the town. It is approached by three good bridges over the river and well-graded avenues, and is the principal summer resort south of St. Augustine. It has more tourists during the summer than all other places south of that city combined, and is also becoming a favorite winter resort. The beach is wide, firm and smooth, by many considered the finest in the world, and the surf bathing is safe and excellent summer and winter. People who have tried Northern and Western summer resorts declare that there are none so perfect in comfort as Daytona beach.

Automobile Race Meet.
The Florida East Coast Automobile Association conducts an annual race meet on the beach, which has now a universal reputation as the greatest automobile race course in the world. The Daytona Grand Beach is hard as macadam, and an ideal stretch of thirty or more miles without a break makes it the natural racing ground for America.

At low tide the beach is broad for 300 feet and neither carriage wheel, bicycle or pedestrian can make a hardly visible imprint on the smooth and well-packed sand. It is no uncommon sight to see sail-rigged yachts speeding with the velocity of the wind before a stiff breeze along the smooth beach, thus affording the most exhilarating sport known to man. Besides these, miles of hard-shelled, palm-fringed boulevards bring the lovers of the wheel and vehicles into direct contact with the mainland over the broad bridges which span the splendid Halifax River.

The beach from the sandy bluffs to the lowest point at ebb tide, measures about 500 feet, and the average depth of the surf measures about two feet. A continuous gentle swell rolls in from the ocean from one to two feet in depth under normal conditions, making the beach an attractive and also a safe place for surf-bathing. Here the infant as well as the grey-haired veteran of many summers, can safely enjoy the luxury of a sea bath throughout the larger part of the year, while the strong and expert swimmer can venture out further to test his strength and skill in battling with the inexhaustible powers of the mighty ocean.

The Peninsula
lying between river and ocean is one half mile wide, and is being rapidly improved, and there are many fine cottages and several good hotels, as per house, two ocean piers, beach pavilion and a large casino.

A Remarkable Feature
at Daytona has been the yearly improvement in the style and value of the buildings that are being erected for homes. Men of capital of the North and West have become awakened to its advantages for winter residences, and valuable lots are being purchased and costly houses, beautiful in design and finish, are being erected, and beautiful homes, the abode of wealth and culture are multiplying. Goodall (City Beautiful), and Seabreeze (City Beautiful), and the side of the peninsula across the Halifax River from Daytona.

At the foot of Ocean Boulevard Seabreeze, a pier reaches out into the surf of the ocean. This pier is a favorite resort of those who delight in the sport of fishing. The surf here abounds in trout, pompano, yellowtail, cavalla, whiting, drum, sheephead and many other varieties of edible fish. During the fall season the famous sea bass affords a rare sport, and it has been no uncommon occurrence to land a thousand pounds of this gamey fish in an afternoon. Individuals of them ranging from fifteen to thirty-five pounds in weight. Not only does the ocean offer this splendid sport but the Halifax River, only half a mile back of the ocean is equally famous for its fine fishing, and the varieties that abound in the ocean are present in the river. Fishing and fishing good. Experienced guides and dogs may be had at reasonable prices.



J. D. Wolf, of Dupont, was in the city yesterday on business.

T. L. Rodgers left yesterday afternoon for Deland, to attend the Commercial meeting.

J. E. Robinson, of Williston, was among the out of town visitors in Daytona yesterday.

J. G. Jacobs and H. L. Rabidone, two of Jacksonville's traveling salesmen, spent yesterday in the city.

Mrs. W. C. Smith has arrived here from Palm Beach to spend the winter. She has assumed the duties of tax collector at the post office.

Miss May Worley passed through here yesterday afternoon, enroute to her home at Buena Vista, from a visit to her uncle, Dr. S. G. Worley in St. Augustine.

Mrs. B. Z. Snowden, left New York today for Daytona and will spend the winter here with her husband, who is manager of the Daytona Furniture Company.

Through the generosity of H. M. Fletcher, the children of the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind at St. Augustine, were treated to a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner.

The first of the Thomas Hendrickson excursion parties will arrive in Jacksonville on the 15th, from New York, via the Clyde Line. These excursionists will remain in the state for two weeks. Their itinerary includes a trip along the East Coast, with a stop at Daytona.

A Wolf of Atlanta, representing a paper house is in Daytona.

L. B. Alexander of Chicago, representing the Royal Blue Shoe is in the city visiting the trade.

Geo. W. Byrnes of Jacksonville, an attaché of the Florida Hardware Company, is here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred G. Weatherber of Worcester, Mass. announces the engagement of their daughter Helen Island, to L. Colby Pinkerton of Ormond.

Senator Zim, of St. Augustine, announces that owing to the delay in material, the publication of his new paper, The Meteor, has been postponed for a week.

Dr. Potter and E. D. Langworthy returned yesterday from a hunting trip in the northern end of the county. They brought home two deer as a result of their expert marksmanship.

James W. House, the contractor, returned last night from Jacksonville. He brought with him some trimmings for the Butler residence which he is building. He says the house will cost in the vicinity of \$7,000.

M. B. Aultman and Dr. J. H. Pierson, celebrated their 21st birthday last evening at the Cedars. Refreshments and past times were indulged in, and the time was pleasantly spent. There were only a few in attendance.

Antonio M. Lopez, of West Palm Beach, arrived here yesterday from St. Augustine, to accept a position in the Russell Pharmacy. Mr. Lopez has a number of friends in this city, who are glad to have him here.

Wade H. Jones, of Titusville, who will arrive here on the 15th to spend the winter, will open a curio store in the Anthony Block. He will bring along with him a real Seminole Indian, who will manufacture moccasins in the store.

The Simpson Pass.

The Simpson pass always has been the great highway of travel from Switzerland into Italy. It was used by Caesar and his legions as far back as 50 B. C., and, although Napoleon happened to use the St. Bernard pass, he recognized the superior importance of the Simpson and ordered a military road to be built over it to serve in future campaigns. It was begun in 1800 but before it was completed, in 1801 the fortunes of the battlefield led the emperor elsewhere, so he never saw it. While thus constructed for war, no army ever crossed it. Instead of furnishing a route for cannons, it became a peaceful medium for international commerce. St. Louis Republic.

The Original Lovers' Leap.

Sappho's Leap was the name given to a white cliff or promontory anciently called Leucadia, now Cape Dignita at the southern extremity of Santa Maura, one of the Ionian Islands. It was so called because Sappho, the poetess, is reported to have thrown herself from this height into the sea. A criminal, with birds attached to him to break his fall, was thrown from the cliff at the annual festival of Apollo, and if he reached the water unhurt he was picked up by boats placed there for that purpose. This is the rock from which, according to the story, lovers throw themselves in order to be free from the pangs of love.

Three Things Desired.

As a result of observation and reflection during a long life touching public men and measures in wide variety I would desire for my country three things above all others to supplement American civilization: From Great Britain, her administration of criminal justice; from Germany, her theater and from any or every European country save Russia, Spain and Turkey, its government of cities. - Andrew D. White in Century.

The Man and the Place.

"This John Doe must be a terrible bad feller," mused Maw Hoptoad. "He's allus in trouble. I see he's been indicted again. I wonder where he lives when he's to home?" "I expect he lives in Effigy," chuckled Paw Hoptoad, "the place where so many are hung." Houston Chronicle

Validated.

"Yer honor," protested the seedy prisoner, "this is just a case of verlice per seution. Dey'se tryin' ter keep me down, yer honor. You ain't goin' ter let 'em keep me down, are yer?" "Certainly not," replied the magistrate. "I'm going to send you up for ninety days." Philadelphia Press.

Sure of One Thing.

"The life of an insurance agent," sighed Prengums, "is full of wormwood and gall." "I hadn't noticed the wormwood," growled the victim. - Cleveland Leader

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